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Ms. Melanie Bella
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Dear Ms. Bella:

I am please to inform you that your request to amend Indiana's Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for individuals who are mentally retarded and/or developmentally disabled (0378.01) has been approved. This amendment: 1) adds an additional service, adult foster care, to the service package, 2) expands eligibility criteria to include individuals meeting the special 300 % income level of the 551 Federal benefit rate, 3) eliminates the distinction between routine and non-routine level of care evaluations/reevaluations and 4) redefines specialized medical equipment/environmental modifications.

We have completed our review of your amendment dated March 21, 2002 and the additional information dated May 5, 2002. The request filly complies with federal statute and Medicaid regulations; therefore, we are approving the amendment with the effective dates you requested in your submission cover letter:

- Elimination of routine and non-routine level of care evaluations is effective March 1 2002.
- Revision of the definition of Specialized Medical Equipment/Environmental Modifications is effective October 1, 2001.
- All other revisions are effective with the date of this letter.

Should you find that you want to serve a higher number of unduplicated recipients or make other alterations to this waiver, such as a significant increase in waiver costs, an amendment must be submitted.

We look forward to following your continued progress in improving community-based alternatives to institutional care. If members of your staff have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Vicky Wallace of my staff on 410-786-3264.

Sincerely,

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